

SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear KS2 Parents with effect from September 2024,

I am writing to let you know arrangements for allowing children to walk home unaccompanied with effect from September. As you will appreciate, the safety of the children is our main concern and so I would like to remind you of the following points:

As a staff, we think that it is only suitable for children in **KS2 (Years 3 – 6)** to walk home unaccompanied especially in the Autumn Term as it starts getting darker earlier. Children in **Years 5 & 6** may, with your permission, walk home unaccompanied and children in **Years 3 & 4** may, again with your permission, walk home with an older sibling (but not, we feel, on their own).

In order for children in **KS2** to be allowed to leave classrooms unsupervised, we request that parents email your child's class teacher to inform them that you are happy for them to do so. Often, the children themselves inform us that they are walking home but, unless we have an email confirming that this is acceptable, children will not be allowed to leave.

If you would like your child to leave school unaccompanied, please email your child's class teacher:

Class 7	zjacks@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk and slanger@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk
Class 8	vbrain@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk
Class 9	mstewart@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk
Class 10	madsett@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk
Class 11	kbayntun@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk
Class 12	sgrace@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk
Class 13	droddis@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk
Class 14	rbradnam@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk

Teachers will then keep a list of children in their class who have permission to leave unaccompanied.

We often have children saying that mum/dad is on the front playground/waiting in the car/park but, as far as staff can tell, this is the same as letting children leave unaccompanied. **Children without confirmation by email will be kept in class until they are collected by a parent/sibling.**

Yours sincerely

Geraint Mills
Head Teacher